

FROM WASHINGTON.

The call for the extra session of the 59th Congress will compel the organization of the House of Representatives three weeks earlier than it otherwise would be organized, and if the delay in the organization of the House were all that would retard the legislation that the President asks for, he would get some action inside of the three weeks before the beginning of the regular session.

It is practically a foregone conclusion that your "Uncle Joe" Cannon will be reelected Speaker and the old officers of the 58th Congress also reelected. So far as the Democratic minority is concerned, there is not the shadow of a doubt that the Hon. John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, will again be the caucus nominee for Speaker, which carries with it the floor leadership during the life of the 59th Congress, and there could not be a better selection. The record made by Mr. Williams as the floor leader in 58th Congress was an enviable one and deserves the highest consideration at the hands of the National Democracy. When he took that place he found the democracy in the House in a demoralized condition, broken up into factions and quarreling among themselves, a veritable mob. He turned the mob into an army with banners in three short weeks and won a signal victory from the cohorts of triumphant Republicanism. Every man on the Democratic side then had the most implicit confidence in him, and the men who are the real leaders on the Democratic side lined up behind him, and the most of them said there to the end of the Congress. The only trouble with the Democratic party is that the members of it in the Congress of the United States think they are all leaders and become jealous if any other man presumes to suggest policies to them. Many of them, in the presence of the master mind of Williams, swallowed this resentment, acknowledged the superior leadership of Mr. Williams and followed him gladly. There always are a few kickers and recalcitrants in every body of men and the 58th Congress had its share in the minority membership. The majority of the kickers and soreheads were those members who failed to get the committee assignments they desired, when those assignments were at the disposal of Mr. Williams. He could not, of course, give every man the best committee assignments in the House, and there you are. It may have been a mistake for Mr. Williams to allow Uncle Joe Cannon to push off on him the committee assignments of the Democratic members, which always has been the prerogative of the Speaker and hitherto exercised by him and the responsibility accepted by him as well. Some people said it was a game played by the Republicans to get the Democratic membership embroiled, having it pulling in all directions, and have fun with it. If they figured it that way they reckoned without their host, for they not only did not pull in all directions, but as I remarked previously they lined up behind John Sharp, at least the vast majority of them and pulled with him steadily to the end of the session. The reason that Mr. Williams accepted the responsibility of naming the minority members of the House committees was because the former Speaker, the brainy Tom Reed, had, in selecting the Democratic members of the committees, picked out the very men who could not serve satisfactorily on the committee assigned to him, because not familiar with its work and then, when there was some bill before the House for discussion reported from some committee the Democratic member who was the leader of the minority on the committee, which had made a minority report, would have charge of the bill from the Democratic standpoint and invariably would ball matters up in the worst way because he did not understand the subject, and the Republicans would have all sorts of fun with them.

This is what Mr. Williams endeavored to avoid, and he invariably picked out the strongest men on the Democratic side for the big committees regardless of his personal feeling for them, and always from the standpoint of ability to handle the subjects coming before that committee. Of course, some other fellow thought he was a bigger man than the man picked out by Mr. Williams, hence the friction and the petty jealousies. There was some talk here for a while that the Hon. David A. DeArmond, of Missouri, would be opposed to Mr. Williams for the Speakership caucus nomination, and he was being groomed by a few of Mr. Williams' disgruntled minority, but the talk has died out and there is no apparent opposition to Mr. Williams at this time.

There is no sort of doubt that John Sharp Williams is the ablest man who has led the Democratic party in the House of Representatives for many years. He is a many sided man. He has had the advantages of a better education than most men in the Congress, and what is better, he has had the brains to absorb it and assimilate it. He was a member of the House for nearly fifteen years before he became known to the people of the nation. That means that he was modest and that he constantly was at work, not only for his immediate constituency, but for the people of the country. He was digging and delving for the things that he thought would best serve their interests. He watched the trend of things and was thoroughly posted as to how legislation was pushed through, and he saw how the Republican party was doing it to the detriment of the people and the enrichment of the few. His few speeches in the House in those years had thoroughly impressed the Democratic membership of the House that he was one of the best equipped men on the floor, and had thoroughly impressed the Republican members that he was an opponent they did not want to encounter.

When the time came for him to shy his castor into the ring as the Democratic candidate for the Speakership, which carries with it the floor leadership, he had practically enough votes to nominate him. It required only a little work on the part of his friends to make it unanimous, and to this day no Democratic member regrets it with the exception of the few soreheads mentioned above. He is cautious, careful, watchful, fully equipped on all question, conservative, courteous in debate, usually puts on the soft pedal, but can use the whip of scorpions when necessary. He never eviscerates an enemy with invective, but merely makes them wish they had in the cradle or jumped off a bridge before they tackled him in debate. He is most considerate of his political friends and many times refuses to speak on a question, when he could have handled the subject-matter better than any other man on the floor of the House, in order to allow some good Democrat an opportunity to speak. He is an ideal leader of the Democratic party so long as it desires or intends to remain Democratic. He is a Democrat in the broadest sense of the word. He dislikes some of the socialistic tendencies of a faction of the party as he dislikes the hypocrisy and pretense of the Republican party. He is an erudite and thoroughly equipped leader of his party, as brave as Spartacus and as gentle as a woman, full of camaraderie and goodfellowship, an honorable, warm-blooded, manly man possessing the affectionate regard and admiration of his political friends and the admiration and respect of his political foes. He will be elected to succeed himself by an unanimous vote.

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APPRECIATION.

This Bank values the business it receives from its customers, and takes every opportunity of telling them so. On the other hand we believe that the SERVICE, coupled with the SECURITY, which is extended to our depositors is appreciated by them. Any business to be permanent must be mutually satisfactory and profitable. Therefore in the selection of your Bank have permanency in view, and establish yourself for your present and your future well being with a good, sound Bank.

This Bank would like to number you among its customers.

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In business since 1881.

Taxpayers, Take Notice!

Under the new constitution we have new laws regulating the collection of taxes. They must be paid promptly, or somebody will suffer. The 1904 taxes have been past due since July 1 last, and those who owe for that year will please make immediate settlement.

W. A. BRADFORD,

County Treasurer.

August 5, 1905.

Wheat Insurance. W. T. Lewis.

Mr. Martin's Speech.

At the Courthouse last Saturday afternoon, before an audience composed of 150 voters, many of whom are open supporters of Governor Montague, some who came especially to hear Mr. Willard (who was unable to be present on account of the death and funeral of his uncle), and about a dozen ladies Senator Thomas S. Martin made his first speech of the present campaign in Clarke county.

He was introduced by County Democratic Chairman Charles M. Brown, who spoke of him as "one who has been in public life but a short time, but who has borne the burdens of Democracy," and closed his peroration by saying, "It will be one of the happiest moments of my life if he receives the nomination for the office of Senator."

The Senator plunged at once into his usual speech, which has been quoted by newspapers in the State several times during the campaign, but the general impression among unbiased hearers was that he did not make a very strong appearance or speech. The Senator is a rather short, rotund, smooth-faced man, and his speaking voice rose often to almost a shriek as he denounced his "distinguished competitor."

A citizen of the County, who went to the Courthouse unpledged to support either Martin or Montague, said after the speech: "I have heard them both, and seen them both, and I shall now go to work and do all that I can for Montague. We have half a dozen lawyers here in Clarke county who can make better speeches, show more intellect in the preparation of a speech, and who put up a better personal appearance in any company than Martin. How on earth he ever became Senator, I cannot understand."

Some of the Senator's paragraphs follow:

"In my term in the Senate I have worked about sixteen hours out of every twenty-four."

"There is not a single act of my competitor which has been of benefit to the people of this State. He is a man who, or whose friends cannot point to a single achievement of material benefit to the people."

"Neither the law nor the facts were with my competitor, and he started the campaign at Spotsylvania, abusing the other side like the devil, and he has kept it up ever since."

"My competitor says he will do all in his power to rehabilitate the Democratic party. A party needs no rehabilitation until it is in a decadence. Therefore he would say that the party is in decadence."

"This campaign has not been one of logic and reason, but one of abuse and misrepresentation by my competitor."

"My competitor is not the first man who has run around the country abusing his opponent, and he will meet the same dismal failure which they met."

After giving his version of the debt settlement matter, which is absolutely the same as that shown by Governor Montague, when stripped of the Senator's verbiage, he said, "A schoolboy who says the amount saved was only \$5.50 should be taken from school and put into a blacksmith shop keeping and flogging the horses, as he will never be good for anything else."

The debt settlement matter, we will explain to our readers, is as follows: The United States was indebted to Virginia roughly in the sum of a million and three quarters, which, however, could not be paid without authority from Congress (just as all debts are paid). Virginia owed the United States an amount for State bonds which was almost equal. A bill had been introduced several times to provide for this settlement, but had failed of passage. Senator Martin reintroduced the bill at a time when there was a large number of other State claims pending, and, according to his own statement, threatened to obstruct the passage of other State claims unless the Virginia claim was included. He frankly said "It was a hold-up, fellow citizens."

The bill authorizing the settlement was passed, and when the two claims were adjusted, Virginia received a balance of \$5.50.

There are a number of reputable citizens in Clarke county who will have to secure a shoo-fly and take to the blacksmith shop.

"My competitor's principal claim

is that he favored the primary and I opposed it."

"The primary is not a vital thing."

"Nobody is agitating the primary but the man who is trying to ride into office on it."

Edwards on Martin.

The Martin papers throughout the State have recently published an article which they claim was written by Chas. A. Edwards, Secretary of the Democratic Congressional Committee, very laudatory of Senator Martin.

Frankly, we do not believe that Mr. Edwards wrote the article in question. Our reason for not believing that the article was written by Mr. Edwards is based on the following letter:

The editor of the COURIER had been receiving weekly batches of Martin letters from a fellow in Washington, whose name we withhold. We had an idea that he was either Senator Martin's private secretary or his press agent. We addressed a letter to Mr. Chas. A. Edwards on May 9, 1905, asking him to give us all the information obtainable in regard to that correspondent.

We wrote from his reply: Minority Conference Room, House of Representatives U. S., Washington, D. C., May 11, 1905. Mr. Chas. R. Hughes,

Editor The Clarke Courier,

Berryville, Va.

My dear Mr. Hughes:

I have your favor of the 9th inst. and am glad to be able to serve you in any way I can. Yes, I know — very well. He worked for me during the campaign of 1902 in the Democratic Congressional Committee and I got him a job last fall with the National Committee in New York. He has been here a number of years doing some desultory newspaper work when he could get it and serving several of the Virginia papers with stuff. He is a very bright and capable fellow and writes very well, but he is somewhat erratic. He is not the Secretary to Senator Martin, but he is acting in the capacity of his press agent in this campaign, so I understand. That may account for his activity in the matter of trying to get favorable stuff in the Virginia papers with Martin's behalf. I would not want to hurt poor —, for he probably needs all the money Martin will pay him and as Martin has plenty of it I am not sorry to see him get some of it, but I would respectfully suggest to you that you beware of his letters in Martin's interest, unless you want to support Martin, for you can readily understand why he writes them."

The above letter is signed personally by Mr. Edwards and we are ready to produce it any time that it may be required.

In his speech in Berryville last Saturday Mr. Martin said:

"The primary fee of \$1500 may force me to mortgage what I've got, as well as my future, but I'll mortgage both before I'll be driven out of this campaign."

In Washington, "where men are estimated at their true worth," Mr. Martin is not considered very poor, as he would try to make you believe.

Now that the COURIER is ready to show Mr. Edwards' letter, we wonder if the Martin papers can produce any proof that Mr. Edwards wrote the article which they have published.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Bazar at White Post.

The ladies of St. Matthew's Guild of Meade Memorial Church will hold a bazar in the parish house at White Post on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, August 15 and 16, opening at 5 o'clock. Novel and attractive features are promised for each day, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Shenandoah Baptist Association.

The Association will convene in Front Royal August 30-September 1. Will the pastor or clerk of each church in the Association please send J. N. Laws, Front Royal, Va., a list of delegate from his church? Will every one who is not a delegate and expects to attend the Association drop Mr. Laws a card? Do it promptly; if possible, not later than August 23. Front Royal is easily accessible over the Manassas branch of the Southern and the Valley division of the Norfolk and Western.

AMOS CLARY, Pastor.

Wheat Insurance. W. T. Lewis.

Eight Reasons Against Martin.

What we contend is that while Mr. Martin may be a good private citizen in Albemarle he is a poor United States Senator in Washington—and elsewhere. It has been in adducing our reasons for this position that we have been unjustly and untruthfully accused of personal abuse. Now let us see what we have charged against Mr. Martin. First, we have charged that as an unknown railroad attorney he was foisted upon the people of this State by questionable legislative methods, and through and by the influence of corporations.

Second, that while he resigned his railroad attorneyship when he became Senator, so we are told, he has remained responsive to that influence, and that his supporters in the General Assembly have been largely, if not entirely, men who were responsive to the same influence. Third, that during his whole service in the Senate he has never taken a stand on any great public question or upheld Democratic doctrines. Fourth, that he made a free silver speech at a Democratic State convention, but did not vote in Congress as he had spoken in convention. Fifth, that, in opposition to Gorman, to Carmack and to all the Democratic leaders in the Senate, the only Senatorial speech he has ever made has been in support of an extravagant Republican naval appropriation bill. Sixth, that he does more in the way of influencing the General Assembly of Virginia and controlling the State Democratic organization than he does in maintaining the Democratic position on our great governmental questions in the Senate. Seventh, that he has been and is now opposed to the primary plan, and that he has never done anything to secure an amendment to the United States Constitution whereby the people may vote directly for their Senators, and that his friends are now opposing the primary in every way. Eighth, that while he has been no doubt diligent in department work, and while his chief boast is his ability to get money out of the Treasury, yet his friends have claimed and he has accepted credit for appropriations some of which he has had nothing to do with and others which he has only partially aided in securing. The above are some of the reasons we have assigned for not supporting Mr. Martin, and every reason has been substantiated by proof either direct or so circumstantial as to render denial ridiculous. We submit that there is nothing illegitimate, nothing abusive and nothing inconsistent with clean politics or good Democracy in such arguments. The News does not say this in any apologetic way. It has nothing to take back or to modify. So far as its enemies and Mr. Martin's heelers, journalistic and otherwise, are concerned, it would never have wasted printer's ink; but we write for the benefit of our friends, those good, true, honest Democrats who have heard our editorials so often distorted and garbled that they may well be bewildered. We have no doubt that these people when they understand the facts, will indorse our course.

School for Music.

Miss Nannie McGuire will reopen her music class on Thursday, September 14, 1905. For further particulars, terms, etc., address her at Berryville, Va.

Mosby Reunion August 31.

The Executive Committee of the Mosby Men has decided upon Thursday, August 31, as the date for the annual reunion of this historic command, which will meet this year in Fredericksburg. Any veterans or others who anticipate attending, or wish information in regard to the reunion, can address Mr. J. Wm. Foster, Schuyler, Va.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining in the Berryville postoffice for the week ending August 5, 1905:

Miss Perthania Adams.

Mrs. Kitty Clark.

Miss ello flock.

Mrs. Wm. Ray.

Mr. Charles Newman.

Mr. William E. Ward.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised and pay one cent for each letter received.

ALEX. MCCORMICK, P. M.

CORRESPONDENCE

A Card.

To the Voters of Clarke County:

Six years ago I appeared before you as a candidate for Clerk. My platform was against one man holding office indefinitely; also against using illegal and questionable means to win votes; believing it was wrong to tempt the poor to sell for money the liberty which cost their forefathers their life blood, or to insult their manhood by trying to buy them for a drink of whiskey, and that such a plan would prevent any who could not buy their way in, from holding office. Though a stranger to most of you, I was received kindly and treated courteously. I was defeated, though a change of 84 votes in the 1750 cast would have elected me. Encouraged by the flattering vote I received from every section of the County, I again appear before you as a candidate for the same office on the same platform, and as I thought when I announced myself, against the same candidate as before; and for several days thereafter Mr. Gibson was at the head of the ticket and votes had been solicited with Mr. McCormick as Deputy, and the change was only made upon the advice of their friends, who predicted defeat for the ticket. If you remember, Mr. Gibson and his friends stated in the former canvass, that that would be the last time he would be a candidate, and yet he comes again and says he is poorer than when first elected, thus proving the office is not an advantage to him. And I do not believe there is a voter who does not think he would be happier and live longer relieved of the cares and responsibilities of the office, resting at home, cared for by those for whom he has provided so generously in the past. Mr. McCormick and his friends claim he "needs the office." With a home in town, and a farm in the country, with his business ability, and backed by his wealthy and influential friends, I am sure he will not suffer. In my opponent's card he says "I state frankly that Mr. John M. Gibson will be my deputy." Mr. Gibson, in his card, uses practically the same words. This is evidently meant for either an apology for his being the deputy, to allay suspicion as to who might be, owing to his delicate health, or a slap at me for not naming one with my announcement. I will state as "frankly" as possible my experience in this line. In my former canvass I offered either end of my ticket to Mr. Samuel McCormick, but he was committed to the other side and refused. I offered to let Mr. Neill remain as Deputy, he to vote for Mr. Gibson and let the voters do as they wished; that was declined. I then offered the place to a prominent young man, who wanted to accept, but he was advised not to run with me, as he was in line for a certain vacancy which was expected. He declined, the vacancy occurred, but he did not get the place, as one of his advisers took it, showing the move was made to defeat me and not to help him. That one trick in ring politics lost me the Clerkship. Knowing how easily I could have won before with a Deputy made me more anxious to have one this time. My friends asked me to name a certain gentleman in the lower end of the County who had been suggested by several. I offered him the place, he declined, and report says he was promised work for a relative in case of a "vacancy" which was expected, if he would not run. A very capable man applied for the place, and almost as soon withdrew his application. I learned that he, too, had been provided for. I learn from unquestioned authority that my opponent is speculating upon the condition of Mr. Gibson's health and has promised the Deputyship conditionally. Now, in as much as my opponents make so much of "frankness" in their cards, I am sure it will not be asking too much of them to let the voters know who is to serve them. I finally secured Mr. Joseph W. Crown as my running mate, and "friend and foe" all speak well of him. I am sure he is not afraid of work, as I found him in a field on a hot day at work by himself in shirt sleeves and wearing overalls, making hay, and as the most of us are or have been "hay-seeds" I thought it a good omen. The main objection the opposition uses against us is incompetency and inexperience. I am sure I realize the importance and responsible duties connected with the office, and do not claim for Mr. Crown and myself intelligence above the average, as my opponents indicate they possess, but I feel sure by sincere desire to please and conscientious effort we will serve you satisfactorily if you honor us by an election. I am encouraged to say this by the fact that many of the best business men in the County are giving me their support. I am sure they would not do this if they believed us lacking in intelligence. I think such argument is not complimentary, to say the least, to our people generally, as I am sure any practical business man of average intelligence and who writes a legible hand, can perform the duties of this office. But to accept their argument as true, would it not be better to let Mr. Crown and myself learn before these gentlemen leave this year of tears? My opponents make these assertions, knowing Mr. Gibson's physical inability to perform his duties, and Mr. McCormick leaves the office in strange hands to go off hunting votes. "Oh, consistency, thou art a jewel." I find that the respective leaders of the Martin and Montague forces, Messrs. Marshall McCormick and A. Moore, Jr., have joined forces and stand with locked hands, trying to save a sheep of the McCormick fold. This scene is enough to make political angels weep. The sequel to this will be enacted when the next County officers are elected. "You tickle me now and I tickle you later." These men have forgotten old offenses and the

fight for Senator now, the time when there were only two political forces in the County, Moore vs. McCormick. Now I am to be defeated by the combination of these forces, though I fought under one of their banners once. They think of you as my opponents say of my ticket, "mentally incapable." So they write oily missives and tell you what to do. They have transacted your political, legal and financial business so long for you, with such satisfactory results, that now, as the McCormicks and their relatives have had an unbroken line of office holding for half a century, by the help of Mr. Moore, who is now a little "kin," this is to continue, and hereafter there is to be no division in the family except as to the offices. Now if you endorse these methods, if you believe this is the kind of treatment you or your boy should receive in the same position which I occupy, vote for the old ticket, and the entailment of office. If, on the other hand, you believe every one should have the same chance, without reference to social, financial or political combinations, vote for the new ticket. I am no politician, and write these lines without the knowledge of my friends, and to those who have so kindly promised me their support, I hereby release them from such promise, if they do not endorse these sentiments; and I ask the same liberty for those who have promised my opponents their support. In conclusion let me say, if you honor Mr. Crown and myself with this office, it will undoubtedly better enable him to provide for his invalid mother, and perhaps more surely enable me to care for my family and educate my children. But I do not for these reasons ask your support, but because I think a division of the offices is fair and just, and a vote for our ticket is a vote to break down ring rule and emphasize the fact that the rich and poor are to have an equal chance in our County.

Yours very respectfully,

CHAS. A. FORD.

MOUNT AIRY.

The crowd here been very large at the purchase of the new building, and it is estimated that the average number of tickets sold each day at Blountmont have been 750.

Miss Minnie Brouse has sold her farm to Mrs. Wicks, of Washington, and the new owner will erect a handsome home.

Mr. Edward Kidwell, who for the past two years has been a frequent visitor here, has accepted a position on the steamer of Panama, and will sail this week. Several agents have been through this section trying to secure men for work in Panama, and have offered good wages, especially to carpenters.

Dr. Carl Droop and Dr. Edward Seihansen are at the Top this week.

Arthur Doran, who was recently injured at Mount Weather, is now rapidly recovering.

Miss Susie Kelly is visiting at the Top. Miss Edna Elise, of Morgan's Mill, is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Plaster, Jr., have a number of friends visiting them this summer.

CRUMS.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Wilmer Gaunt had to shoot his horse after it was injured on the wire fence.

Mr. Vance Pierce and family spent Sunday with relatives near Bunker Hills.

Mr. George Whittington, of Leesport, visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Kim Byrne and little son are visiting in Winchester.

The two sons of Rev. Harry Marsh, of McDowell county, W. Va., visited here last week. Rev. Mr. Marsh was on the Berryville circuit with Mr. Wolfe some years ago.

A minister from Vanderbilt University will preach at Crums next Sunday.

Don't fail to attend the yard party here Friday and Saturday nights.

Looks Bright for Swanson.

The nearer the day approaches for the Democratic primary the more sanguine become the friends and supporters of Hon. Claude Swanson for Governor. In fact his nomination has never been doubted by those in close touch with the situation. The attempt on the part of some to have it appear that he failed to do his duty in the last gubernatorial campaign, has, as other false charges fallen flat and he stands as he did when he entered the canvass—with a record unstained and unblemished. Reared on a farm and with no other resources than his energies, he has worked himself up to positions of honor and trust, all of which he has faithfully and ably filled. He deserves promotion and we feel assured that the people of Virginia, will by a large majority make him their executive.—Manassas Times.

A WORD

to the wise is sufficient.

The strength and stability of a National Bank when compared with county and private banks, stands prominently alone. The First National Bank of Berryville, Va., is the public all accommodations consistent with sound banking, together with the security that only National banks can offer, and accredits accounts in any amount.

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Berryville, Va.

White Post Chataqua.

The White Post Chataqua will be held from August 26 to September 3, inclusive. Mr. C. F. McClintic has been selected as manager, and will give the matter his entire time and attention. A large attendance is assured.

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